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Specifications

M240L Medium Machine Gun

- **Caliber:** 7.62mm
- **Automatic**
- **Weight:** 22.3 pounds
- **Length:** 48.5 inches (44.5 inches with short barrel)
- **Maximum effective range:** 1,800 meters (area target)
- **Muzzle velocity:** 2,800 feet per second
- **Tracer burnout:** 900 meters
- **Cyclic rate of fire (hydraulic buffer):** 550-650 rounds per minute
- **Gas-operated**

Program Status

An initial supply of 50 M240Ls were delivered to units serving in Afghanistan with initial production underway in 2010.

"M240 Bravo is my favorite weapon in the world. It's the most reliable weapon system I've ever used. It lays down a curtain of lead and gets the rounds to where they need to be in an effective amount of time."

– PFC Joseph M. McGuffie III

M240L 7.62mm MEDIUM MACHINE GUN (LIGHT)



The M240L 7.62mm Medium Machine Gun (Light) reduces the weight of the existing M240B without compromising reliability.

The M240L incorporates titanium construction and alternative manufacturing methods for fabricating major M240B components to achieve significant weight savings. These improvements reduce the Soldier's combat load while allowing easier handling and movement of the weapon. The M240L short barrel variant under development is 21.8 pounds, 5.5 pounds lighter than the M240B.

The M240L is the program of record solution to reducing the weight of the M240B. The M240L meets all of the reliability and operational characteristics of the M240B. The weapons are rugged and reliable and have a minimum 50,000 round receiver life.

M240B 7.62mm Medium Machine Gun

The M240B 7.62mm Medium Machine Gun is a variant of the M240 mounted on Bradley Fighting Vehicles and Abrams tanks and has been reconfigured for ground applications with buttstock, bipod, iron sights, and forward rail assemblies. It provides significantly improved reliability and more lethal medium support fire for ground units such as infantry, armor, field artillery, and combat engineers. The M240B has a maximum effective range of 1,800 meters, a cyclic rate of fire of 650 rounds per minute, and a muzzle velocity of 2,800 feet per second. The M240B has been fielded to units Army-wide and has become a critical weapon for units engaged in combat operations.

